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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 0090

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, UN  
SUBJ: UN DIVISION NARCOTIC DRUGS-SAENGER CANDIDACY

REF: 76 GENEVA 8414

1. SAENGER FAIRLY WELL KNOWN TO MISSION BEFORE HIS TRANSFER TO GENEVA AS UNIDO LIAISON OFFICER TO UN GENEVA OFFICE. MISSION FOUND SAENGER BOTH FRIENDLY AND INFORMATIVE. HE HAS REPUTATION AS GOOD MANAGER WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN, AND EXPERT KNOWLEDGE OF UN SYSTEM. HIS TOUR OF DUTY AT UNIDO WAS MARKED BY CONSIDERABLE FRUSTRATION ENGENDERED IN GOOD PART BY DIFFICULTIES HE HAD IN FORMING EFFECTIVE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS SUPERIOR, SANTIAGO QUIJANO-CABALLERO (WHO PRESENTLY SERVING ON WINSPEARE'S STAFF IN GENEVA). HE IS DESCRIBED AS RELATIVELY HUMORLESS AND STUBBORN, REFLECTING WHAT SOME OBSERVERS HERE HOLD TO BE SWISS NATIONAL TRAITS. HIS PERSONAL FRUSTRATIONS AT UNIDO IS REPORTED TO HAVE EMERGED ON OCCASION IN THE FORM OF HARSH TREATMENT OF HIS SUBORDINATES; AT SAME TIME, HE HAS GOOD REPUTATION FOR THOROUGH AND EFFECTIVE TRAINING OF BRIGHT SUBORDINATES.

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2. IN COMPARISON TO HIS UNIDO COLLEAGUES, SAENGER WOULD PROBABLY RANK IN UPPER 20 PERCENT IN TERMS OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS. HIS PRESENT POSTING IS REPORTED TO HAVE RESULTED PARTLY FROM HIS INABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KHANE (NOT NECESSARILY A DISQUALIFYING FACTOR), AND PARTLY FROM THE FACT THAT, AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF

THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION, WHICH KHANE REGARDED AS UNNECESSARY AND WASTEFUL ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT IN UNIDO, SAENGER, ALONG WITH QUIJANO-CABELLAERO AND OTHERS, WAS REGARDED AS EXPENDABLE. ONE SENIOR UNIDO AMCIT WHOSE OPINION WE RESPECT, AND WHO HAD HAD LONG AND GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL, ALTHOUGH PRICKLY, PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SAENGER SAYS HE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY WORK WITH HIM AGAIN.STIBRAVY

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